

Public Act 540 of 1996 amends Section 9227 of the Public Health Code and requires the Department of Community Health to establish a childhood immunization registry to record information regarding immunizations administered to children by health care providers.

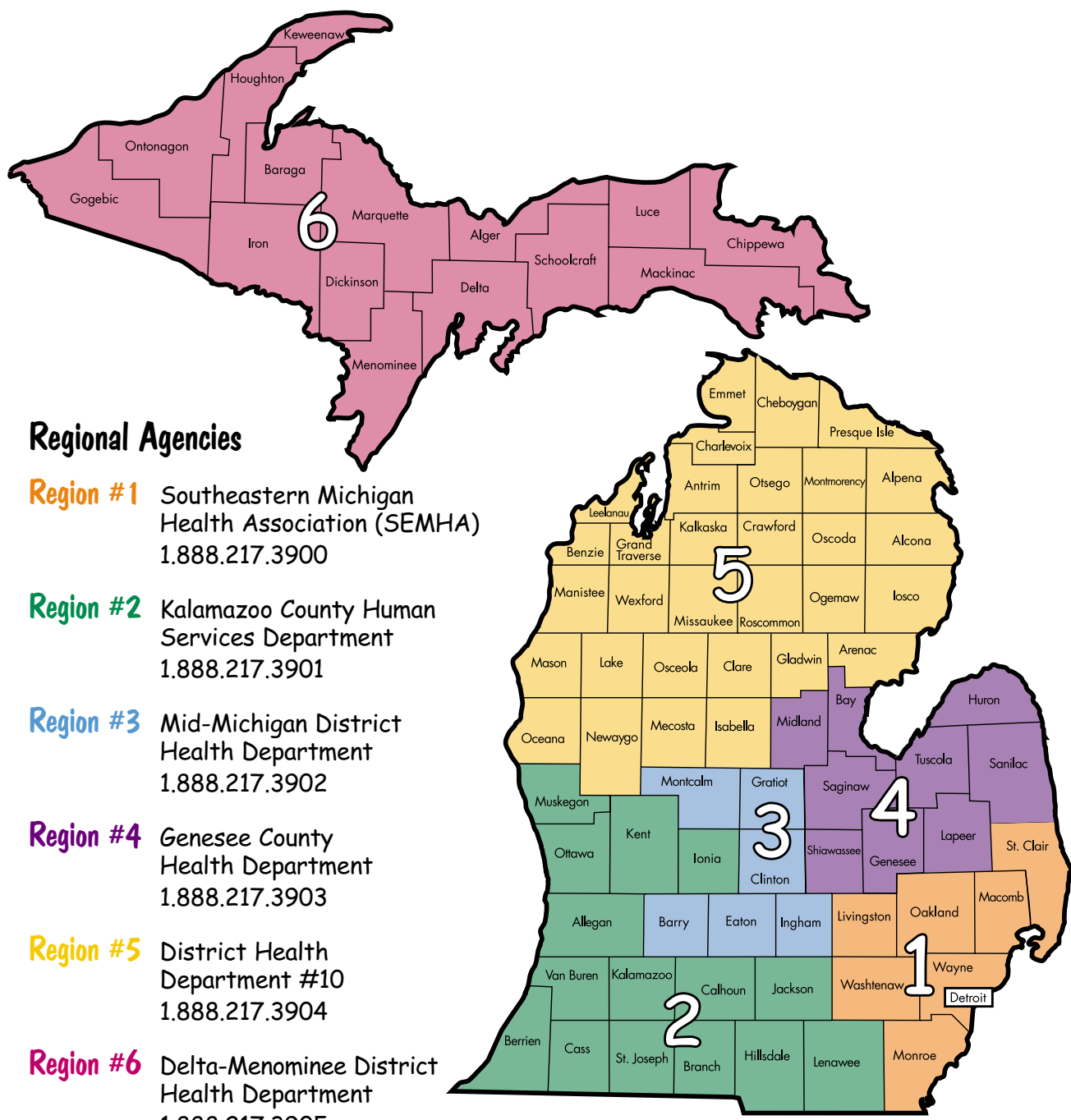
The public act outlines:

- how information contained in the childhood immunization registry will be acquired, maintained, and disseminated;
- confidentiality and disclosure requirements;
- requirements that health care providers report childhood immunizations they administer;
- need for administrative rules to further clarify implementation of the registry.

The State of Michigan is committed to the development of a regionally organized statewide childhood immunization registry that collects standard, reliable information on the immunization status of children. This system will enable private and public providers of immunization services to assess a child's immunization status and administer age-appropriate vaccinations. The creation of reminder and recall notifications for children who are due or overdue for immunizations is also supported by the immunization registry.

MCIR is organized into six regions of the state. In each region, a regional lead agent will oversee implementation of the system, training of private and public providers, governance, and evaluation. The regional contractors will also perform community immunization assessment and reporting.

Michigan Childhood Immunization Registry (MCIR) Regions



Regional Agencies

- Region #1** Southeastern Michigan Health Association (SEMHA)
1.888.217.3900
- Region #2** Kalamazoo County Human Services Department
1.888.217.3901
- Region #3** Mid-Michigan District Health Department
1.888.217.3902
- Region #4** Genesee County Health Department
1.888.217.3903
- Region #5** District Health Department #10
1.888.217.3904
- Region #6** Delta-Menominee District Health Department
1.888.217.3905



Michigan Childhood Immunization Registry



What is the purpose of the MCIR?

MCIR is an electronic statewide childhood immunization registry that is accessible by private and public providers.

Children may receive immunizations from multiple providers, who are unlikely to have a means of sharing immunization status information. The provider may not be able to easily determine which vaccines the child still needs.

Over-and-under immunization can occur depending on the provider's approach to the problem. MCIR electronically monitors a child's immunization history so a provider can know immediately what vaccines the child needs.

Children under two years old are the most vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases. The majority of vaccinations should be given before the second birthday.



Immunizations save lives

According to a State of Michigan survey for 1999, only 76 percent of Michigan's two-year-old children were properly immunized.

Reduction of vaccine-preventable diseases through childhood immunization is a top priority for the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

How can I access MCIR?

- **MCIR Link**
Connect via a modem or LAN and PC
- **MCIR Data Transfer Program**
Connect through your health system's database
- **MCIR Phone/Fax**
Connect via touch-tone phone — information will be faxed back to you.
- **MCIR Child Form**
Submit data using paper forms

How does MCIR work?



The immunization information system is a single, secure database operated by the Michigan Department of Community Health and accessible locally by multiple means.

Features of MCIR

- Maintains immunization history on children between birth and age 20.
- Offers quick access to a child's immunization record.
- Provides a report of immunizations that are due.
- Evaluates immunization status and recommends future dose dates.
- Permits submission of immunization information via paper or electronically.
- Provides immunization assessments.
- Sends reminder and recall notices to parents or guardians for children who are due or overdue for immunizations.



- Assesses immunization coverage of a population.
- Streamlines vaccination reports.
- Provides different levels of data access and security, and safeguards confidentiality.
- Allows providers to manage their vaccine inventory.

What are the benefits?

- Immediate access to immunization history information.
- Up-to-date recommended immunization schedules.



- Fewer phone calls between providers to obtain and assess a child's immunization history.
- Fewer missed opportunities.
- Quick and easy-to-print official immunization record for day care and school requirements.